

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,414,420 to Suzuki. Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,373,173 to Suzuki. Claims 8-15 are allowed.

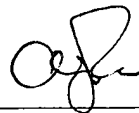
In response, claims 1, 3-5 and 7 have been canceled, to hereby place the case in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of claims 8-15 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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